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ATTN: Chemical Right-to-Know Program

Re: Comments received on the Petroleum Additives Panel, HERTG HPV Challenge Test Plan for the polybutylene succinic anhydrides category

Dear Administrator Whitman:

On November 26, 2002, the American Chemistry Council, Petroleum Additives Panel, Health, Environmental and Regulatory Task Group (HERTG) submitted a test plan and supporting robust summaries for the following chemicals in the polybutylene succinic anhydrides category:

- 2,5-Furandione, dihydro-, monopolyisobutylene derivs., (CAS #67762-77-0), referred to as "Polyisobutylene succinic anhydride".
- 2,5-Furandione, dihydro-, monopolybutenyl derivs., (CAS #67762-79-2), referred to as "Polybutenyl succinic anhydride".

The HERTG has received comments from EPA on the test plan and robust summaries for the polybutylene succinic anhydrides category. In addition to the comments received from the EPA, the HERTG is also aware of comments that were submitted by the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) and Environmental Defense (ED) to the EPA.

The HERTG appreciates the efforts of EPA, PETA and ED in preparing comments and is reviewing the recommendations presented in the comments. The HERTG will carefully consider those recommendations, and how they may enhance the existing test plan as the work gets underway for the polybutylene succinic anhydrides category.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Sarah Loftus McLallen at (703) 741-5607 or via email at Sarah-McLallen@americanchemistry.com.

Sincerely yours,

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